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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) including a Form PTO-1449 containing a list of references which may be material to the examination of the above-referenced application. This submission is not to be construed as a representation that a prior art search has been conducted, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any one or more of the listed references constitutes prior art.

The Examiner is urged to carefully consider this Information Disclosure Statement and all the listed references, and to indicate same by initialing the appropriate portion(s) of the Form PTO-1449 and forwarding an initialed copy to applicant.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(2) legible copies of prior art references other than U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications are attached.

I

This statement is filed pursuant to **(CHECK ONE BOX)**:



37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

This information disclosure statement is filed either:

- (1) within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
- (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application;
- (3) before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits; **or**
- (4) before the mailing of a first office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, **whichever event occurs last.**

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires no fee and no certification.



37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

This information disclosure statement is filed **after** the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but **before** the mailing date of any of the following:

- (1) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113;
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Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires either:

- (1) the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c); **or**
- (2) a certification according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(1) or (2).



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